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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 07 September 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

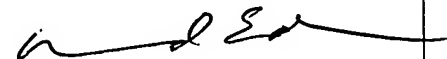
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The IDS filed on 12/27/05 has been reviewed and considered. Note a copy of the PTO-1449 is attached herein for applicant's records.



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